

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original): A polarizing member comprising:  
  
an absorption type polarizing film; and  
  
one polymer material layer or two or more polymer material layers provided on one or both of opposite surfaces of said absorption type polarizing film, wherein each polymer material layer does not have any extraordinary refractive index area with a length not smaller than 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and does not have two or more extraordinary refractive index areas with a length of from 0.5 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  in a region of 50  $\mu\text{m}$ -radius.
2. (Original): A polarizing member according to claim 1, wherein each polymer material layer is one member selected from the group consisting of a transparent protective layer, an adhesive layer, and an optically compensating layer.
3. (Original): An optical member comprising a laminate at least including a polarizing member defined in claim 1, and a reflection type polarizing plate.
4. (Original): An optical member according to claim 3, wherein said reflection type polarizing plate transmits linearly polarized light with a predetermined axis of polarization while reflecting residual light.
5. (Original): An optical member according to claim 3, wherein a retarder plate is provided between said polarizing member and said reflection type polarizing plate, said retarder plate being constituted by one retardation layer or two or more retardation layers.

6. (Original): An optical member according to claim 3, wherein said reflection type polarizing plate is made of a cholesteric liquid-crystal layer or said retarder plate is made of a quarter-wave plate.

7. (Original): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a polarizing member defined in claim 1, and a liquid-crystal cell, wherein said polarizing member is disposed on one or both of opposite sides of said liquid-crystal cell.

8. (Original): A liquid-crystal display device comprising an optical member defined in claim 3, and a liquid-crystal cell, wherein said optical member is disposed on one or both of opposite sides of said liquid-crystal cell.

9. (Previously presented): A polarizing member comprising:

an absorption type polarizing film; and

one or more polymer material layers provided on one or both of opposite surfaces of said absorption type polarizing film, wherein each polymer material layer comprises a polymer made from a polymer solution which has been filtrated by a filtration film to thereby purify the polymer to a state in which low molecular weight bodies have been removed.

10. (Currently amended): A polarizing member comprising, in this order:

(i) an absorption type polarizing film; ~~and~~

~~at least one polymer material layers provided on one or both of opposite surfaces of said absorption type polarizing film; and~~

(ii) an adhesive layer; and

(iii) a polymer material-containing layer which is a separator having a polymer material migration preventing layer provided thereon,

a wherein the polymer material migration preventing layer ~~disposed between said absorption-type polarizing film and each of said at least one polymer material layer,~~  
~~wherein the polymer material layer is a separator~~ is provided on the side of the separator  
that faces the adhesive layer.

11. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 10, wherein the migration preventing layer comprises purified polymer.

12. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 10, wherein the migration preventing layer is a silica film.

13. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 10, wherein the migration preventing layer is a metal-oxide deposited film.

14. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 10, wherein the migration preventing layer comprises a silicone agent.

15. (Previously presented): The liquid-crystal display device according to claim 7, which additionally comprises a light source having a luminance of 500 cd/m<sup>2</sup> or higher.

16. (Previously presented): The liquid-crystal display device according to claim 7, which additionally comprises a back sidelight having a luminance of 500 cd/m<sup>2</sup> or higher.

17. (Canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (Currently amended): The polarizing member according to claim 10, wherein the polymer material-containing layer is disposed directly on the migration preventing layer.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 1, wherein the one

or more polymer material layers are provided directly on the polarizing film.

22. (Previously presented): The optical member according to claim 3, wherein the one or more polymer material layers are provided directly on the polarizing film.

23. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 9, wherein the one or more polymer material layers are protective films provided directly on the polarizing film.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 24, wherein the migration preventing layer is disposed directly on a polymer base material for forming the separator.

26. (Previously presented): The polarizing member according to claim 25, wherein a surface coat made of a release agent is provided on the migration preventing layer.